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DIA's Reservations Regarding the Paper, A Preliminary Analysis
of Truck Traffic Patterns in North Vietnam and Communist-held
Portions of Laos

1. According to Mr. James E. Cook of the Southeast Asia Management Group DIA, General Carroll withdrew the subject paper from the USIB agenda for 13 May principally because the DIA evaluation of the comments of COMUSMACV on the value of the Lucky Dragon program has not been completed. The request for comments went to the field on 30 April, and the response was to have been received by DIA by 5 May. According to Cook, the General thought it would be putting the cart before the horse if USIB considered the subject paper before he had the benefit of his organization's evaluation of the field's comments.

2. In addition, the working level of DIA wishes to take advantage of the gain in time to propose a few minor changes in the details of the subject paper. The proposed changes, however, will not affect the central conclusions. They include the following:

a. We should use the new route designations for roads in Laos proposed by CINCPAC. This is a matter that has been under discussion for some time.

b. DIA wants the paper to mention a route that could be used as an alternate to route 1.

c. The totals of all trucks counted by DIA analysts differ slightly from the totals we show in Annex A to the subject paper.

d. DIA wants us to extend the analysis we made of routes 7 and 12 in the text of the paper to include others pertinent routes.

DIA review(s) completed.

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3. Cook will meet with me tomorrow to discuss these proposals. In our conversation, he emphasized that DIA intends to support the paper and expects that it will be considered by USIB on 20 May.

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